

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director


DATE: February 22, 1995

SUBJECT: **HB 376 - SB 691**

This bill, if enacted, will exempt the following from the sales tax: caskets, funeral vaults, mausoleums, urns and all other tangible personal property used in connection with a funeral, burial or cremation. Current law provides a \$500 exclusion from the sales tax base for the cost of caskets and burial vaults and also exempts professional services involved in a funeral which are considered to be a third of the cost.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be a decrease in first year state revenues of approximately \$5,600,000 and a decrease in first year local government revenues of approximately \$2,100,000. This estimate assumes an average number of deaths of 51,000 and an average cost of a funeral of \$3,500 less current exclusions for caskets, burial vaults and professional services.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


James A. Davenport, Executive Director